



MICROGRAPHIA

other *microscopical* seeds of Vegetables: For first, the Case or Hive oftentimes bigger then one of these *microscopical* appearance, yet are they for the most part so exceed not the bulk of a small Nitt, being not above Diameter, whereas the Diameter of the Hive of them two Inches, so that it is capable of containing neer two and so in all likelihood does contain a vast quantity, that number. Next, for their prettiness, they may *microscopical* seed I have yet seen; for they are of colour, curiously Honey-comb'd all over with a very Net-work, or a small kind of imbosment of very the surface of them looking not unlike the inside of a that which makes it most considerable of all, is, the it, which are such as are not afforded us by any Mine that is for the procuring of sleep, a thing as necessary of a creature as his meat, and that which refreshes and rational faculties, which, whilst this affection has for the most part unmov'd, and at rest. And, men seem to hint some very notable virtue or excellency in curiosity it has bestow'd upon it. First, in its flower scarlet-Dye, which is indeed the prime and chiefeft in all Ages of the world most highly esteem'd: Next, curiosity shew'd also in the husk or case of the seed, as yet met withall; and thirdly, the very seeds themselves discovers to be very curiously shap'd bodies; and taken such abundant care for the propagation of it, grown into a Plant, is capable of bringing some hundred seeds.

It were very worthy some able man's enquiry whether Nature, as to the secondary end of Animal and Vegetable might not be found out by some such characters and as these, or from divers other circumstances, as the time of flourishing, springing and fading, duration, &c. if such there are (as an able *Physician* upon good grounds cause to believe) we might then, instead of studying little is deliver'd of the virtues of a Plant, and less course to the Book of Nature it self, and there find usefull, and most effectual and specifick Medicines, amongst Vegetables, two very noble Instances to instruct the one of the *Jesuite powder* for the cure of *intermittent* other of the juice of *Poppy* for the curing the defect